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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois						Voluntary Petition		
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Seahra, Indra	Middle):		Name	of Joint De	ebtor (Spouse	) (Last, First	, Middle):	
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				
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Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, a 1036 Victoria Ln Glendale Heights, IL	and State):	ZID C. I	Street	Address of	Joint Debtor	(No. and St	reet, City, and State):	
	Γ	ZIP Code <b>60139</b>	-				ZIP Code	
County of Residence or of the Principal Place o <b>DuPage</b>			Count	y of Reside	ence or of the	Principal Pl	ace of Business:	
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from str	eet address):		Mailir	ng Address	of Joint Debte	or (if differe	nt from street address):	
	Г	ZIP Code	-				ZIP Code	
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):							·	
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box)		of Business k one box)					ptcy Code Under Which iled (Check one box)	
Individual (includes Joint Debtors)  See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.  □ Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) □ Partnership □ Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)  Chapter 15 Debtors	☐ Health Care Bu ☐ Single Asset R in 11 U.S.C. § ☐ Railroad ☐ Stockbroker ☐ Commodity Bu ☐ Clearing Bank ☐ Other	usiness eal Estate as d 101 (51B)	efined	☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt	er 7 er 9 er 11 er 12	C of C of	hapter 15 Petition for Recognition  a Foreign Main Proceeding hapter 15 Petition for Recognition a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding  e of Debts k one box)	
Country of debtor's center of main interests:  Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending:		x, if applicable) xempt organization the United State	es	defined	l in 11 U.S.C. § ed by an indivi	illy consumer debts, Debts are primarily business debts.  S.C. § 101(8) as business debts.  individual primarily for y, or household purpose."		
Filing Fee (Check one box)  Full Filing Fee attached  Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A.  Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.				C. § 101(51D). U.S.C. § 101(51D). cluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) t on 4/01/16 and every three years thereafter).				
Statistical/Administrative Information	ion. See Official Form	I LI Acc			ere solicited pr S.C. § 1126(b).		n one or more classes of creditors,	
■ Debtor estimates that funds will be available □ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt proper there will be no funds available for distribut	erty is excluded and	administrative		es paid,		THIS	S SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY	
Estimated Number of Creditors	1,000- 5,001- 5,000 10,000	10,001- 2	5,001- 0,000	50,001- 100,000	OVER 100,000			
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Voluntar	y Petition	Name of Debtor(s): Seahra, Indra			
(This page mı	ust be completed and filed in every case)	Seama, mura			
	All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last	t 8 Years (If more than two, attac	ch additional sheet)		
Location Where Filed:	- None -	Case Number:	Date Filed:		
Location Where Filed:		Case Number:	Date Filed:		
Pe	ending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or	Affiliate of this Debtor (If more	than one, attach additional sheet)		
Name of Debt - None -	tor:	Case Number:	Date Filed:		
District:		Relationship:	Judge:		
	Exhibit A	(To be completed if debtor is an indiv	Exhibit B vidual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)		
(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)  ☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).  X /s/ Michael S. Fabinski September 3, 2015			
		Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)  Michael S. Fabinski			
	Exh	1 nibit C			
	or own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to a Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.	pose a threat of imminent and identif	fiable harm to public health or safety?		
	Exh	nibit D			
_	oleted by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, ea	•	ach a separate Exhibit D.)		
	D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made intraction:	a part of this petition.			
If this is a joi  ☐ Exhibit	D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached a	and made a part of this petition.			
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Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.			nan in any other District.		
☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.					
	Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.				
	Certification by a Debtor Who Reside (Check all app		operty		
	Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession		cked, complete the following.)		
	(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)		4		
	(Address of landlord)				
	Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment				
	Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the after the filing of the petition.	court of any rent that would beco	ome due during the 30-day period		
l 🗆	Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with the	his certification, (11 U.S.C. § 362	2(1)).		

**B1** (Official Form 1)(04/13)

Name of Debtor(s):

## **Voluntary Petition**

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

## Signatures Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

## X /s/ Indra Seahra

Signature of Debtor Indra Seahra

X.

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

September 3, 2015

Date

## Signature of Attorney\*

## X /s/ Michael S. Fabinski

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

#### Michael S. Fabinski 6315331

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

## **MSF Law**

Firm Name

One Lincoln Center 18W140 Butterfield Road, Suite 1500 Oakbrook terrace, IL 60181

Address

#### (630) 726-4609

Telephone Number

### September 3, 2015

Date

\*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

## Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

 $\mathbf{X}$ 

Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

Name of Debtor(s): Seahra, Indra

### Signature of a Foreign Representative

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11. United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.
- ☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X

Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

## Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankrutpcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.)(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

 $\mathbf{X}$ 

Date

Address

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

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In re		Case No.	
	Debtor(s	)	

**FORM 1. VOLUNTARY PETITION** 

· Attachment A

## DEBTOR(S)' REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to promptly tender a security deposit to all utility companies.
- 2. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of the 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 federal tax returns. Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said tax returns were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if the tax returns are not tendered on a timely basis.
- 3. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of (a) all payment advices or other evidence of income received within 60 days before the date of the filing of the bankruptcy petition by the debtor from any employer of the debtor, and (b) proof of any 1099 or self employed income within 60 days before the date of the filing of the petition (hereinafter, collectively the "Payment Advices") . Said Payment Advices shall be provided to the trustee (or, if no trustee has been appointed to the United States trustee), and to any creditor who timely requests copies of the payment advices or other evidence of payment, at least seven days before the time of the meeting of creditors conducted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 341. Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee and any requesting creditor by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said Payment Advices were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if said Payment Advices are not tendered on a timely basis.
- 4. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to complete an instructional course concerning personal financial management before the conclusion of the repayment plan. After completion of the instructional course, Debtor has agreed to tender a certificate of completion to debtor's counsel by Federal Express. Debtor has also agreed to file the certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court at 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60604, unless a copy of said certificate is tendered to debtor's counsel via email or Federal Express and received at least 7 days prior to the case being closed. Debtor understands further that no discharge will be granted without the filing of said certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court on a timely basis.
- 5. Debtor understands that prior to the final Chapter 13 plan payment debtor must complete and tender to debtor's counsel a "Declaration re Domestic Support Obligations" certifying that either (a) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy, I have not been required to pay a domestic support obligation by any order of a court or administrative agency or by any statute", or (b) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy case, I have paid all domestic support obligations that have become due under any order of a court, or administrative agency or under any statute. Debtor further understands that this declaration must be signed under penalty of perjury. Finally, debtor has been advised that the failure to complete and file said declaration would result in debtor not receiving a Chapter 13 discharge of debts.

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B 1D (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

## **United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois**

In re	Indra Seahra		Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	13

## EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

- 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency*.
- □ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.
- □ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. [Summarize exigent circumstances here.] \_\_\_\_

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: [Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]

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☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or me deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.); ☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, o through the Internet.); ☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.					
□ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.					
I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.					
Signature of Debtor:	/s/ Indra Seahra Indra Seahra				
Date: September 3, 2	015				

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## United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In r	e Indra Seahra		Case No.		
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	13	
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPEN			` ,	
1.	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016 compensation paid to me within one year before the filing be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of	of the petition in bankruptcy	, or agreed to be paid	to me, for services rend	lered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept			4,000.00	
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received		\$	1,000.00	
	Balance Due		\$	3,000.00	
2.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
3.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:				
	☐ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): Chapter	r 13 Trustee			
4.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed competent of the share the sh	nsation with any other person	n unless they are mem	bers and associates of m	ny law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation copy of the agreement, together with a list of the name				firm. A
5.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to rene	der legal service for all aspec	ets of the bankruptcy of	ase, including:	
	<ul> <li>a. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, stater</li> <li>b. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors</li> <li>c. [Other provisions as needed]</li> <li>All items identified in the engagement let</li> </ul>	s and confirmation hearing, a	and any adjourned hea		
6.	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee of Exludes all items not specifically included agreement.			-approved retention	ı
		CERTIFICATION			
this	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any a bankruptcy proceeding.	agreement or arrangement fo	r payment to me for re	epresentation of the deb	tor(s) in
Date	ed: September 3, 2015	/s/ Michael S. Fa	binski		
		Michael S. Fabir MSF Law	ıski		
		One Lincoln Cer	nter		
		18W140 Butterfi Oakbrook terrad	eld Road, Suite 15	00	
		(630) 726-4609	C, IL 00101		

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS

## (Court-Approved Retention Agreement, Revised as of 4/20/2015)

Chapter 13 gives debtors important rights, such as the right to keep property that could otherwise be lost through repossession or foreclosure, but Chapter 13 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making complete and truthful disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, the advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to certain services from their attorneys, but debtors also have responsibilities to their attorneys. In order to assure that debtors and their attorneys understand their rights and responsibilities in the Chapter 13 process, the judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois have approved this agreement, setting out the rights and responsibilities of both debtors in Chapter 13 and their attorneys, including how their attorneys will be paid for their services in the Chapter 13 case. By signing this agreement, debtors and their attorneys accept these responsibilities.

The Bankruptcy Code may require a debtor's attorney to provide the debtor with certain documents and agreements at the start of the representation. The terms of this court-approved agreement take the place of any conflicting provision in an earlier agreement. This agreement cannot be modified in any way by other agreements. Any provision of another agreement between the debtors and the attorney that conflicts with this agreement is void.

## A. BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED

### THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

- 1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
- 2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

## THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

- 1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
- 2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule, and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.
- 3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)
- 4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.

- 5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
- 6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

## B. AFTER THE CASE IS FILED

## THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

- 1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly, or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
- 2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor must also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and when the case is called for the actual examination.
- 3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
- 4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
- 5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, marriage, divorce or separation, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
- 6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce.)
- 7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
- 8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property, and before entering into any loan agreement.
- 9. Supply the attorney with copies of all tax returns filed while the case is pending.

## THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

- 1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
- 2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.
- 3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
- 4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor in advance, the role and identity of the other attorney

and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.

- 5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
- 6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
- 7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary statements, amended statements, and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
- 8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
- 9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
- 10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
- 11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
- 12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
- 13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default, or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
- 14. Timely respond to motions for relief from stay.
- 15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
- 16. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case.

# C. TERMINATION OR CONVERSION OF THE CASE AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1. Approved fees and expenses paid under the provisions set out below are generally not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed prior to its completion, unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If such a dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.
- 2. If the case is dismissed after approval of the fees and expenses but before payment of all allowed fees and expenses, the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court allowing the fees and expenses is not a judgment against the debtor for the unpaid fees and expenses based on contract law or otherwise.
- 3. If the case is converted to a case under chapter 7 after approval of the fees and expenses under this agreement but before the payment of all fees and expenses, the attorney will be entitled to an administrative claim in the chapter 7 case for any unpaid fees and expenses, pursuant to section 726(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, plus any conversion fee the attorney pays on behalf of the debtor.

## D. RETAINERS AND PREVIOUS PAYMENTS

- 1. The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. Unless the following provision is checked and completed, any retainer received by the attorney will be treated as a security retainer, to be placed in the attorney's client trust account until approval of a fee application by the court.
  - ■The attorney seeks to have the retainer received by the attorney treated as an advance payment retainer, which allows the attorney to take the retainer into income immediately. The attorney hereby provides the following further information and representations:
  - (a) The special purpose for the advance payment retainer and why it is advantageous to the debtor is as follows:
    - Debtor(s) are paying a fixed, flat fee of \$4,000.00 for the legal services rendered in the Chapter 13 bankruptcy case. Debtor(s) understand that the entire fee shall be deemed earned when paid and that no refunds shall be given.
  - (b) The retainer will not be held in a client trust account and will become property of the attorney upon payment and will be deposited into the attorney's general account;
  - (c) The retainer is a flat fee for the services to be rendered during the chapter 13 case and will be applied for such services without the need for the attorney to keep detailed hourly time records for the specific services performed for the debtor;
  - (d) Any portion of the retainer that is not earned or required for expenses will be refunded to the client; and
  - (e) The attorney is unwilling to represent the debtor without receiving an advanced payment retainer because of the nature of the chapter 13 case, the fact that the great majority of services for such case are performed prior to its filing, and the risks associated with the representation of debtors in bankruptcy cases in general.
- 2. In any application for compensation the attorney must disclose to the court any fees or other compensation paid by the debtor to the attorney for any reason within the one year before the case filing.

## E. CONDUCT AND DISCHARGE

- 1. *Improper conduct by the attorney*. If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.
- 2. *Improper conduct by the debtor*. If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise engaging in improper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.
- 3. Discharge of the attorney. The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

## F. ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a flat fee of \$4,000.00
- 2. In addition, the debtor will pay the filing fee required in the case of \$310.00
- 3. Before signing this agreement, the attorney has received, \$1,000.00

toward the flat fee, leaving a balance due of \$3,000.00; and \$38.00 for expenses,

leaving a balance due for the filing fee of \$348.00

4. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for these services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

Date: September 2, 2015		
Signed: /s/ Indra Seahra	/s/ Michael S. Fabinski	
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Do not sign this agreement if the amounts are blank.

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